

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) An integrated circuit (IC), including circuitry arranged in an array having a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns, wherein each row of the plurality of rows begins at a first side of the IC and ends at a second side of the IC, and each column of the plurality of columns begins at a third side of the IC and ends at a fourth side of the IC, the IC comprising:

a column of the plurality of columns comprising a plurality of circuit elements of a circuit type substantially occupying the column; and

a row of the plurality of rows positioned at the third side of the IC, wherein a number of circuit elements of an input and output circuit type in the row is less than a number of remaining circuit elements of other circuit types in the row ; and

a configuration column comprising configuration logic for configuring the column of the plurality of columns.

2. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 1 wherein the circuit type is selected from a group consisting of a Configurable Logic Block (CLB) type, a Multi-Giga Bit Transceiver (MGT) type, a Block Random Access Memory (BRAM) type, a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) circuit type, a multiplier circuit type, an arithmetic circuit type, an Input/Output Interconnect (IOI) circuit type, an Input/Output Block (IOB) type, and an application specific circuit type.

3. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 1 wherein the input and output circuit type is an Input/Output Block (IOB) type, the IOB configured to input or output data signals into or out of the IC.

4. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 1 wherein the input and output circuit type includes an Input/Output Block type and a Multi-Giga Bit Transceiver type.

5. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 1 further comprising a center

column comprising configuration logic.

6. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 3 wherein the center column is positioned on or near the center axis of the IC.
7. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 4 further comprising a clock column adjacent to the center column.
8. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 1 wherein the column of the plurality of columns further comprises a spacer tile and a clock tile.
9. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of claim 1 further comprising an embedded processor.
10. (Previously Presented) An integrated circuit (IC) comprising circuitry having programmable functions and programmable interconnects, the IC further comprising:
 - a plurality of homogeneous columns and
 - wherein each of the homogeneous columns starts at one side of the IC and ends at an opposite side of the IC, and
 - wherein a first column of the plurality of homogeneous columns comprises a first set of substantially identical circuit elements of a first circuit type substantially filling the first column; and
 - a heterogeneous column having configuration logic and a clock management circuit element.
11. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 10:
 - wherein a second column of the plurality of homogeneous columns comprises a second set of substantially identical circuit elements of a second circuit type substantially filling the second column, and
 - wherein a third column of the plurality of homogeneous columns comprises a third set of substantially identical circuit elements of a third circuit type substantially

filling the third column.

12. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of claim 10 wherein the heterogeneous center column further comprises an input/output block.

13. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 10 wherein the first circuit type is selected from a group consisting of a Configurable Logic Block (CLB) type, a Multi-Giga Bit Transceiver (MGT) type, a Block Random Access Memory (BRAM) type, a fixed logic type, an Input/Output Interconnect (IOI) circuit type, and an Input/Output Block (IOB) type.

14. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 13 wherein the fixed logic type comprises a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) circuit type, a multiplier circuit type, an arithmetic circuit type, and an application specific circuit type.

15. (Original) The integrated circuit (IC) of claim 10 wherein the integrated circuit further comprises a field programmable gate array (FPGA).

16. (Original) The integrated circuit (IC) of claim 10 wherein the integrated circuit further comprises a programmable logic device (PLD).

Claims 17-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit (IC) comprising:

a heterogeneous center column having configuration logic[[,]] and a clock management circuit element, ~~and an input/output block;~~

a plurality of columns and

wherein each of the columns starts at one side of the IC and ends at an opposite side of the IC,

wherein a first column of the plurality of columns comprises a first set of substantially identical circuit elements of a first circuit type substantially filling the first

column,

wherein a second column of the plurality of columns comprises a second set of substantially identical circuit elements of a second circuit type substantially filling the second column.

25. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 24 further comprising circuitry having programmable functions and programmable interconnects.

26. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of claim 25 wherein the first, and second, circuit types have a circuit type selected from a group consisting of a Configurable Logic Block (CLB) type, a Multi-Giga Bit Transceiver (MGT) type, a Block Random Access Memory (BRAM) type, a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) circuit type, a multiplier circuit type, an arithmetic circuit type, an Input/Output Interconnect (IOI) circuit type, an Input/Output Block (IOB) type, and an application specific circuit type.

Claim 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 24 wherein the substantially identical circuit elements are substantially identical tiles.

29. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 28 wherein each tile comprises a functional element coupled to a switch matrix.

Claims 30-34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) An integrated circuit (IC) comprising circuitry having programmable functions and programmable interconnects, the IC further comprising:

a plurality of homogeneous columns and

wherein each of the homogeneous columns starts at one side of the IC and ends at an opposite side of the IC, and

wherein a first column of the plurality of homogeneous columns comprises a set

of substantially identical circuit elements of a first circuit type substantially filling the first column; and

wherein a second column of the plurality of homogeneous columns comprises a set of substantially identical input/output interface circuit elements.

36. (New) The IC of claim 35 wherein the input/output interface circuit elements are configured to allow data to be input or output to or from the IC.